



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5250

LCO No. 3072

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING IN DORMITORIES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-342 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) No person shall smoke: (1) In any building or portion of a
4 building owned or leased and operated by the state or any political
5 subdivision thereof except in a smoking area; (2) in any area of a health
6 care institution other than a smoking area, provided the smoking area
7 may not be the institution's only waiting area, and notice shall be
8 posted at entrances to such institutions that smoking is prohibited by
9 state law; (3) in any area of a retail food store open to the general
10 public; (4) in any public area of a restaurant having a seating capacity
11 of seventy-five or more persons, unless a sign is posted which
12 indicates that smoking is permitted in such area, provided (i) no such
13 restaurant shall be designated, in its entirety, as a smoking area, (ii)
14 smoking may be prohibited in rooms used for private social functions,
15 and (iii) a sign is posted at the entrance of the restaurant indicating the
16 availability of nonsmoking areas; (5) notwithstanding the provisions of

17 section 31-40q, within a public school building while school is in
18 session or student activities are being conducted; and (6) in any
19 passenger elevator, provided no person shall be arrested for violating
20 this subsection unless there is posted in such room or elevator a sign
21 which indicates that smoking is prohibited by state law. This
22 subsection shall not apply to correctional facilities, [dormitory rooms
23 in any public institution of higher education,] psychiatric facilities,
24 public housing projects as defined in subsection (b) of section 21a-278a
25 or classrooms where demonstration smoking is taking place as part of
26 a medical or scientific experiment or lesson.

27 Sec. 2. (NEW) The Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State
28 University System shall provide for the designation of certain floors or
29 areas in the dormitories at the state universities as smoking areas. In
30 accordance with subsection (b) of section 19a-342 of the general
31 statutes, as amended by this act, no person shall smoke in a dormitory
32 except in such an area.

33 Sec. 3. (NEW) The Board of Trustees of The University of
34 Connecticut shall provide for the designation of certain floors or areas
35 in the dormitories at the university as smoking areas. In accordance
36 with subsection (b) of section 19a-342 of the general statutes, as
37 amended by this act, no person shall smoke in a dormitory except in
38 such an area.

Statement of Purpose:

To limit smoking in dormitories at public institutions of higher education to designated smoking areas.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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